



1st Sunday in Lent

Worship of the Living God

Gathering around the Word

Prelude	Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer
	Offering
Welcome & Greeting	Offertory
	Praise Team
+Call to Worship	<i>No Matter What</i> Bryan Fowler Jonathan Smith
	Doxology
	<i>Doxology (God Be Praised)</i> Louis Bourgeois Thomas Ken
+Song	Prayer of Dedication
+Confession of Sin	
Assurance of Forgiveness	
+Response	

Proclamation of the Word

Special Music	First Kids
Prayer of Illumination	
Scripture: Genesis 3:1-10	
Scripture: Genesis 3:11-24	
Sermon	Rev. Lara Musser Gritter
Moment for Reflection	

Responding to the Word

+Affirmation of Faith	Rev. Hannah Ostlund
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JOYS AND CONCERNS
Mark Grover, Dot Beisel and Mike Boyer (Acey and Carol Worthy's family), Ellen Muire

CONTINUING CONCERNS
Deborah Alexander, Preston Askew, Bill Baker, Betty Carli, Billy Canup (Cindy Coleman's father), Alice Edwards (Tracy Smith's mother), Suzanne Glasgow (Doug Glasgow's sister-in-law), Scott Hay, Rosalie Laughlin, Wib Manuel, Reba Parsons, Frank Saunders, John Smith

BIRTHDAYS
Cathy Chandler, Ava Harrington, Bob Harris, Pam Thompson, Richard Miller, Susan Muth, Nora Coleman, Tim Norman, Teen Aron, Ruby Walser, Scott Johnson, Lucas Shaw, Ron Brooks, Dyke Messinger, Adam Drye, Deborah Alexander, Walker Shellhorn

Bob and Jan Lewis

Ministry Focus

CHURCH LIFE

WE ARE DEEPLY ROOTED

GROW: Lenten Prayer Breakfasts each Wednesday during Lent. Join us for the best homemade breakfast in town. Schedule of speakers: February 25: Rev. Hannah Ostlund; March 4: Frank Strong; March 11: Pastor Derrick Hawkins; March 18: Rev. Rickey Johnson; March 25: Dr. Sidney Davis; and April 1: Monica Green and the Jubilee Community Choir. Cost: Adults \$7, Children/Youth \$3, and children under 4 are free. Sign up weekly on the friendship pads, or call/email Christine in the church office.

GROW: Sisters in Christ invites all women to a 4-week Lenten Bible Study. Join them on Sundays, March 1, 8, 15, and 22, at 9:45, in the Sisters in Christ classroom.

MUSIC: Save the Date! The Bell Tower Ringers Festival Concert is set for Saturday, March 14, at 4:00, in Lewis Hall. Don't miss this mass-bell concert!



The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God, and in appreciation for all the people who are involved in the music ministry of our church.

Ministry Focus

GROW: New Men's Bible Study! Pastor Josh begins a new weekly Tuesday morning Bible Study for men on March 3, at 6:30am. Josh says, "My earnest hope for this Bible Study is that it will be a place for men of different generations to find brothers in Christ who will encourage them in the life of faith."

GROW: Sisters in Christ invites all women to a 4-week Lenten Bible Study on The Promise and Power of Easter, by Christine Caine. Join them on Sundays, March 1, 8, 15, and 22, at 9:45, in the Sisters in Christ classroom.

WORSHIP: Save the Date! Rev. Hannah's Service of Installation will be held on Saturday, March 21, at 3:00, in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow the service.

WORSHIP: It is time to sign up to sponsor the flowers for our worship spaces this year. If you are interested, please call Margaret Harris at 704-213-2321. Help us make our worship spaces more beautiful.

WE HAVE A HEALTHY CORE

STAFF: Please be aware that your pastors and staff will never text or email you to solicit money, gift cards, or run errands. Other things to watch out for: emails not ending with @firstpressalisbury.org or emails/texts about 'a private matter.' Please, do not respond to these phishing emails and texts.

WE ARE BRANCHING OUT

SERVE: Yoga classes continue each Wednesday morning, 9:00-10:15, in Lewis Hall, led by certified instructor Felicia Stewart Hoyle. A \$10 donation is suggested.

SERVE: Feed the Fish continues through Palm Sunday. Let's see who can grow the biggest fish this year!

SHARE: Next Sunday, March 1, is our day to bring in canned goods, cereals, and peanut butter to help stock the shelves at Rowan Helping Ministries.

DAY SCHOOL: Registration for the 2026-2027 Day School year is now open to everyone.



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Friendships Across Differences Embracing the Unchurched

